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HUGE MAP OF HARBOR DIST. IS DISPLAYED

Chamber Has Diagram of Industrial Data in Advance of Report

On Monday, December 15, several committees of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, together with representatives of the Los Angeles Realty Board and members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will meet with the Manufacturing and Industrial Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber to hear a preliminary report by William J. Fox, chief engineer of the Regional Planning Commission, on zoning of Harbor District areas.

A pre-view of a large map, measuring five and one-half feet wide by 16 feet long, which will be used by Fox in his report, may be had now at the Torrance Chamber headquarters. This map shows the areas of existing industries, manufacturing zonings, potential industries, oil fields and transportation routes, and reveals that Torrance stands in excellent position for further advancement along these lines.

City Favorably Shown

Torrance is very creditably represented on this map. Carl Hyde, executive secretary of the chamber, declared this week after inspecting the diagram which covers all communities in the Harbor District from Long Beach to Manhattan Beach and from San Pedro to Gardena, Compton and Bellflower. He extends a cordial invitation to any resident or industrialist to inspect the map here before it is taken to Los Angeles Monday morning.

The report to be made by Fox in Los Angeles will be in the nature of a preliminary explanation of the voluminous data gathered by the commission for presentation to the Board of Supervisors next month. Following his talk Monday he will be urged to make constructive criticisms of the report and maps.

NEW SERVICE CLUB FORMED FOR WOMEN

Business and Professional Women of City Meet To Start Club

Action taken by a small group of the business women of Torrance at a meeting held at Earl's cafe Friday night has launched a new service club in this city, the Business and Professional Women of Torrance.

With a brief campaign of solicitation on the part of the state organizer, Mrs. Mattie Joy, and the president of the California State League, Dr. Florence Mae Morse, assisted by officers and members of the South Bay district clubs, sufficient names were secured to insure a large charter membership with considerably more candidates in view for later adoption.

A second business meeting held Monday night at the Nurses' Home resulted in the adoption of constitution and by-laws and the appointment of a nominating committee which will present names of candidates for office at the next session to be held at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, December 16, at the Chamber of Commerce.

Redondo Club Host Tonight

Membership in the new organization is open to women actively engaged in business or professional occupations in this district. A membership committee is now at work to interest Torrance women who have not already signed up to come in to the club as charter members. This opportunity will not long be open as the charter list is limited, and an early date has been set for closing.

A number of those who have already signed up will be guests tonight of the Redondo Beach club.

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CHAMBER MEN OF HARBOR TO MEET TONIGHT

Keystone Chamber Will Be Host to Gathering at the Carson Street School

The Harbor District Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting late this (Thursday) afternoon and evening at the Carson street school, with the Keystone Chamber of Commerce as host. Officers for the ensuing year will be selected at the business session which begins at 5 p. m.

Nominees chosen by the nominating committee at the last meeting follows: A. E. Henning, president; W. Rufus Page, first vice president; Frank F. Merzian, second vice president; Fred C. Finkle, third vice president; Loren Howe, fourth vice president; Frank L. Walton, treasurer, and Carl Hyde, secretary.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p. m. and will be served by the Keystone Woman's club. The address of welcome will be given by the host president, Charles A. Brazee and the response by Lieutenant-Governor-elect, Frank F. Merzian. Gresson Bantzer, J. P. Moriam, Gresson Bantzer, J. P. Moriam, a member of the debating team, sent to Europe last summer by U. S. C., will speak on an inspirational topic and A. B. "Humpy" Creagh, a member of Commander Richard E. Byrd's South Polar expedition, will describe his experiences in the Antarctic.

A large number of members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be in attendance at the Keystone meeting. The Carson street school is located one block east of Main street or Harbor boulevard on Carson street.

GAY NINETIES FETE ATTENDED BY 8000 HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Belles and Beaux of Period Lend Color and Charm to City's Greatest Christmas Celebration

What a party that "Gay Nineties" Christmas celebration turned out to be Saturday night! Previous reports published by the Herald stated that it would be the biggest civic event ever observed in this city—and it was!

Fully 8000 people from all parts of the Harbor district, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Glendale, Santa Monica, Long Beach and many other communities attended the old-fashioned Christmas celebration around the city's brilliantly decorated Christmas tree.

From the firing of the first aerial bomb, which signaled the opening of the gala event, to the final musical number by the nine-piece orchestra, the program was a huge success, according to members of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the evening's fun.

Youngsters Mob Santa

There were at least 50 people in the costumes of the Gay Nineties—and what costumes! They looked like a page out of the style magazines of the period and the wearers evidently had as much fun wearing them as the spectators did seeing them.

Santa Claus in all his glory was host to at least 400 youngsters, half of whom received bags of candy and real money. There were some who did not get any of the bags as the supply quickly disappeared when that avalanche of wide-eyed youngsters mobbed Santa and depleted his supplies. Hurry calls were sent out for more candy, but even additional goodies were gobbled up by the voracious recipients.

The police had a hard time clearing space for the dancers in front of the temporary band stand because of the great crowd that surpassed even the Chamber of Commerce's wildest speculations.

Old Dances Are Feature

The old-fashioned dances were ably "called" and managed by Huron Reeve, of Torrance, and "Happy" McNay, of Redondo. All of those who had a chance to get in the area reserved for the dances swung through the measures of the old quadrilles, Paul Jones' and schottisches and with real old-fashioned zest.

The sight of those swirling skirts, ornate hats and intricate garments of the ladies and the more costly, but even additional goodies were gobbled up by the voracious recipients.

Who Won Prizes

Following the grand march of the belles and beaux of the '90s, the prizes for the costumes were awarded by the committee of judges, Mrs. Caroline Collins, president of the Women's club, as chairman; Mrs. W. W. Woodington, Mrs. Dewey Quigley and Mrs. Sam Rappaport.

The prize winners were: For

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FLOWER SALE FOR VETERANS SAT. DEC. 20

Local High School Girls to Canvass Torrance with Forget-Me-Nots

Through the cooperation of Herbert S. Wool, principal of the Torrance high school, the local Disabled American Veterans of the World war organization has secured a number of high school girls who will act as workers Saturday, December 20, when the Torrance unit will conduct its Forget-Me-Not sale on the streets of the city.

Several hundred cities and towns of California will take part in the state-wide Forget-Me-Not sale of the veterans on December 18, 19, 20 and 21, but the local unit of the organization believes it can cover the city with but one day's drive, according to Tom Bowker, who is in charge of the sale here.

Flowers Hand-Made

Under the direction of the local disabled Veterans the volunteer girls will sell the little artificial forget-me-nots to the general public. The flowers to be used in the state-wide sale were made by wounded and disabled World war veterans who are patients in hospitals and institutions. Canisters containing the proceeds of the sale are turned into designated banks in each community, where the receipts from the distribution of the forget-me-nots are counted, and then verified by the local committee workers.

Proceeds from the state-wide Forget-Me-Not Appeal are used for welfare work, unemployment relief, hospitalization and rehabilitation aid for wounded and disabled veterans of California, and also to provide Christmas remembrances for disabled war veterans in hospitals and institutions. President Herbert Hoover, former President Coolidge and other high governmental and national officials head the sponsors of the annual Forget-Me-Not sale of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, which is the only organization composed exclusively of wounded and disabled World war veterans, recognized by U. S. Congress. The Disabled American Veterans' association has 33 chapters and 11,000 members in California, and more than 100,000 members in the United States.

RAPPAPORT NEW HEAD OF KIWANIS

Pioneer Merchant is Elected To Guide Service Club in 1931

Sam Rappaport, prominent merchant and member of the Torrance Kiwanis club for the past six years, was honored by his fellow clubmen last week when he was elected president of the service club for 1931. Rappaport succeeds Judge C. T. Rippey in the leadership of the club.

Other officers chosen by the local Kiwanians were Henry F. Ulbright, vice president, to succeed Rappaport; C. T. Rippey, district trustee, to succeed L. J. Aker; Paul Vonderah, treasurer, to succeed Ulbright; and James W. Leech, who was re-elected secretary.

Installation January 2

The new directors of the club are Fred Hansen, Dr. O. E. Fossum, Douglas Collins, L. J. Aker, Dick Bishop, John Holm, and Charles Schultz. The retiring directors are Vonderah, J. R. Jensen, and L. M. Wood.

President-elect Rappaport will announce his committees for the year at the installation banquet to be held at Earl's cafe Friday evening, January 2. All Kiwanians, their ladies and guests will attend this event. The new Kiwanis president has been prominent in the business and social life of Torrance ever since he came here in 1913. He resides with his wife and two daughters at 1734 Gramercy avenue.

NEW PLAN TO HURRY WATER WORKS MADE

"Friendly" Suit Will Save Three Years' Delay

SECRET PARLEYS HELD

Bond Representatives Are Said Trying to Sell Company to City

Three years' litigation and loss of time in the Superior Court will be saved as a result of plans agreed upon this week between attorneys for the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company and counsel for the city officials of Torrance. This agreement calls for the immediate filing of a petition for a writ of mandamus in the State Appellate Court, thus obviating the necessity of carrying the case through the Superior Court, which would take approximately a year and a half, and another 18 months loss of time in waiting for an appeal to the Appellate Court. City Attorney Briney explained today.

In order to accomplish this short-cut in litigation and start the construction of the new municipally owned water system in Torrance it will be necessary for the City of Torrance to institute a "friendly" suit against City Treasurer Harry H. Dolley to compel him to sign the water bonds.

Acting on Technicality

"It must be distinctly understood," said P. G. Briney, city attorney, "that Mr. Dolley's personal liability is not opposed to the new municipally owned water system, but will merely technically refuse to sign the bonds in order to save three years' loss of time in the courts."

It is expected that the City Council will authorize the issuance of the \$400,000 water bonds at its meeting Tuesday evening, December 16, and the city treasurer will then "refuse to sign them." The suit will be started in the State Appellate Court, which is an assisting tribunal to the State Supreme Court.

It was explained by the city's attorneys, however, that the Appellate Court may refuse to take original jurisdiction of the suit, and return it to the Superior Court, but in cases which involve municipalities, it is the usual custom of the Appellate Court to take original jurisdiction, and the city attorney feels confident that it would not be necessary to carry

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Man is Killed in Crash Near Here

One man was killed and another seriously injured in an intersection accident at 132nd street and Western avenue yesterday afternoon.

The victim of the crash was Dick M. Cooley, of 143 North Hope street, Los Angeles, and the injured man, who is also charged with suspicion of manslaughter in connection with the accident, is James J. Carroll, also of Los Angeles.

According to Los Angeles police reports, Carroll was traveling at an excessive rate of speed on 132nd street and failed to observe the boulevard stop on Western avenue. He crashed into Cooley's sedan, turning it over and pinning the victim underneath, police said. An inquest is to be held in Los Angeles tomorrow afternoon.

Former Resident of City Passes Away

A former resident of Torrance, Roy A. McFarland, 49, died at a Santa Barbara hospital Tuesday. He had resided in Wilmington for the past four years. McFarland, whose funeral was held this afternoon, was manager for the Union Ice Company for this district for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna McFarland, two sons, a daughter, his father, three sisters and two brothers.

Legion Auxiliary To Have "White Elephant" Trade

To Be Conducted at Annual Christmas Party

A Christmas party, at which the gifts to be exchanged will be the traditional "white elephants" will be given by the American Legion Auxiliary at the Legion hall next Tuesday evening, December 15.

Mrs. Lucille Swager, Mrs. Dorothy Harder, Mrs. Lucille Lewellen and Mrs. Annie Greiner attended the meeting of the 19th district, held at Florence Thursday evening, December 4. A Christmas program was given.

A holiday party for the men at the Veterans' hospital at Sawtelle, given under the auspices of the 19th district American Legion Auxiliary units, will take place on December 17 at Recreation hall in the General hospital. The Torrance unit will assist in making Christmas joyful for the 4800 men stationed here. In connection with the Christmas celebration, it has been arranged to supply every father among the veterans with a toy marked "From Daddy" which he may hand on to his child on Christmas day.

Mrs. Annie Greiner, chairman of the committee in charge, reports that the Los Angeles county council has arranged for 125 Christmas baskets to be packed and distributed to the families of disabled veterans on December 23. The sum of \$10 from funds of the Torrance unit of American Legion Auxiliary has been donated to the Torrance Relief Society for local assistance to the needy.

TOY DOCTORS IN PLEA FOR MORE WORK!

Make Poor Kiddies Glad on Christmas Day With Your Playthings

Old toys are still in demand by the men of the Christian Brotherhood, who are working in the Toy Hospital located across from the Herald office on El Prado.

It is believed that a great many people are intending to send in their toys, but are putting off their delivery until tomorrow. There will be very little time for the work to be done if they are not in the hands of the toy doctors within the next few days.

There have been a good many requests made for these articles already, and the Brotherhood will need all that can be procured to meet the demand.

Gather up those old or broken toys or those that are not being used in the home, and call any of the following numbers and some one will call with the "ambulance" and take your articles to the hospital. Call Torrance 243, 151, 281, or Lomita 132.

Lomita C. of C. Nominate 22 For Directors

Final Election to Be Held Early Next Month for 1931 Officers

At the special meeting of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night announcement was made of the 22 members who received the highest number of votes in the recent nominating election for a board of directors who will serve the organization for 1931.

The final election will be held early in January, when 11 directors are to be chosen from the following list of nominees:

Fred Stock, Judge S. D. Patterson, Hugo Schmidt, T. J. Tonkin, A. B. Gardner, John Holm, Coy Farquhar, H. G. Galkins, L. M. McClary, B. A. Beckham, C. E. Fuller, Charles Steigh, John Welte, George Fresenius, W. D. Lockhart, George Towne, A. T. Gardiner, Dr. Hess, F. P. Powers, Dr. Racer, and Ray Townsend.

FIREMEN TO HOLD PARTY ON DEC. 22

Annual Event for Children To Be Greater Than Ever Before

This Christmas, as in the past, several Yuletide seasons, the Torrance Fire Department will be host to a community party around the city's Christmas tree.

The date set for the firemen's frolic is Monday evening, December 22, according to A. H. Bartlett, who announced the plans for the event this week.

The program chairman of the party will be Rev. George Eldred of the First Christian church, and he is arranging the various entertainment numbers with the assistance of the local firemen. This year the department will be aided by the local American Legion post in the distribution of the gift bags to all children.

New Plan to Be Used

Included on the program which will start at 7 p. m., will be the presentation of a Nativity play, the title and cast to be announced later; orchestra or band music, chorus, choir singing and Carol singing by the audience.

A large supply of candy, nuts, apples and toys has been contracted for by the firemen for distribution to the children. Bartlett stated that more gift bags will be stocked for the party this year than ever before so that there will not be a single disappointed youngster in the crowd.

The firemen and Legion members are working out a new plan to help Santa Claus in his presentation of the children's gifts. This plan will, it is hoped, eliminate the "repeaters," Bartlett declared.

IN COURT FRIDAY

R. W. Brown, 41 of Buena Park, will appear before Police Judge C. T. Rippey tomorrow afternoon on charges of possession of a small quantity of liquor. He was arrested by local officers December 4.

SCOUT JAMBOREE GIVEN CITY

First Annual Encampment of All Troops in Harbor District To Be Held Here April 3 and 4

The First Annual Field Day and Jamboree to be enjoyed by more than 600 Boy Scouts in the Harbor district will be held in Torrance April 3 and 4, according to plans made at the regular monthly meeting of the Scoutmasters of the district, which was held at Harbor City this week.

The event will be the biggest Scout demonstration ever held in this district and is expected to attract several thousand parents, friends of the boys and former Scouts to this city. All troops in Torrance, Harbor City, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita and Gardena will participate.

Credit for securing the Field Day and Jamboree for this city goes to Robert Lewellen, Scoutmaster of Troop 3, sponsored by the Rotary club. His insistence that Torrance be allowed to be host to the big contingent was backed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Ellis P. Moore, of San Pedro, Scout Commissioner for this district.

Parade Saturday Morning

According to the plans made this week, the Jamboree will start on Friday afternoon, April 3, when the Scouts will encamp at the wooded park next to the Torrance Scout headquarters and near the American Legion club house on Carson street. Following the customary camp inspection, the visiting boys will cook their own dinners and then hold a campfire session when every troop represented will be required to put on a stunt.

There is a possibility that some Scout contests will be held that night under especially installed arc lights on the high school field, but this has not been definitely de-

GRADUATION POLICY OUTLINED

Junior and Senior High Schools to Avoid Unnecessary Cost At Commencement Exercises This Term

At the request of the superintendent's office, committees of vice principals in the junior and senior high schools in the Los Angeles school system have for some time been studying the various problems which are continually arising in connection with the graduation ceremonies in the various schools. After a study of all the elements involved in the problem, the vice principals have submitted a report of their recommendations to the superintendent's office.

It must be stated at the outset that for many years school authorities have recognized the seriousness of the situation and have been doing everything possible to discourage lavish expenditures on the part of parents for dress and other items incidental to such occasions.

In the main, parents have responded wholeheartedly to the suggestions of school officials, with the result that in most of the schools these ceremonies have remained simple and in keeping with the ideals sought to be established in a free public school. In a few instances, such as graduation, has been lacking, resulting in extravagance and show, both of which are entirely out of harmony with the spirit of the occasion.

General Policy Outlined

To avoid unnecessary expense on the part of parents, and further, to keep the ceremonies within reasonable limits the following statement of general policy approved by the Board of Education is being sent to the various schools with instructions that it be carried out to the letter.

- 1.—The ideal of simplicity and avoidance of show should form the basis of all graduation exercises.
- 2.—The only positive requirement made of students for graduation is that they shall have been found worthy in character and citizenship and shall have completed in a satisfactory manner a required course of study prescribed for the secondary schools.
- 3.—The matter of dress is not a graduation requirement, and students are at liberty to wear clothing which they already possess. In all cases, however, the graduation outfit, whether old or new, should be of an inexpensive type and in strict conformity with the ideals herein set forth.
- 4.—In all schools where girls' uniforms are used it is suggested that these be used for graduation dresses, thereby saving extra expense. Where now dresses are made it is required that they be simple and not extreme in design and of such a type that they can be used for graduation. In all

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BUY AT HOME!

The following pertinent contribution was received by the Herald this week from a poet who merely signs himself or herself as "H. H." Because of its contents it is published in full:

BUY AT HOME
Let us buy our gifts at home this year,
The stores are bright with Christmas cheer,
Prices have been marked 'way, 'way down—
Shop in comfort in your own home town!

Times are dull, we all admit,
Don't make them worse, just do your bit!

The easiest way is sometimes the best,
Let us give our nerves and feet a rest—
Be a booster, don't knock any more,
Good times are waiting—just outside the door!

K. of C. Greet Officers Here

200 Members in the District Attend Local Lodge

More than 200 members of the 24th district, Knights of Columbus, assembled at the K. of C. hall here last Thursday night to greet D. F. Hallahan, representative of the Supreme Council, and Henry W. McGowan, state deputy.

The visiting officials inspected the lodge and spoke on "Columbianism" and the insurance features of the membership. Following the ceremonies and talks, a lunch was served. Lucius Arnold, lecturer of the lodge, had charge of all arrangements for the event.

Alleged Escape Charge in Court

Robert Vaughn Has Hearing Saturday Morning

Charged with escape from local officers and malicious destruction of property, Robert Vaughn, 28, of this city, will appear before Police Judge C. T. Rippey tomorrow, Friday, at 2 p. m., and again on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. His first appearance will be in answer to the destruction of property count and on Saturday morning he will have a preliminary hearing on the escape charge, a felony.

Vaughn, who has a police record, is reported to have eluded local officers after an accident in which he damaged another car. He was arrested in Long Beach on a warrant after he had been found guilty on another charge in that city, police said.

M. L. May is Victim of Freak Accident

Victim of Freak Accident

M. L. May, of 1533 Marcella avenue, was the victim of a "freak" accident Sunday afternoon when his car was toppled from an oil rack following another car's collision with the structure. May was badly bruised, according to a report of the accident at the police station.

He was sitting in his machine while it was being oiled and greased at a local service station. The other machine, driven by P. A. Gregory, whose address was not given in the report, hit the rack, causing May's car to turn over on its side. May was removed to his home, where he is reported recovering.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

According to a police official there is a superstition among thieves that it is unlucky to rob a lawyer. Other people merely regard it as impossible.

13 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS